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Response After Final and RCE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 8, 2008 ("Office Action") in the above-captioned application, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response which expired April 8, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the remarks that begin on page 2.